

One Hundred Third Congress
of the
United States of America

AT THE FIRST SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Tuesday,
the fifth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-three*

An Act

To amend title 5, United States Code, to extend the Federal Physicians Comparability Allowance Act of 1978, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of
the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

SECTION 1. EXTENSIONS.

(a) EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY.—

(1) AMENDMENT TO TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE.—The second sentence of section 5948(d) of title 5, United States Code, is amended to read as follows: “No agreement shall be entered into under this section later than September 30, 1997, nor shall any agreement cover a period of service extending beyond September 30, 1999.”.

(2) EXTENSION OF REPEALER.—Section 3 of the Federal Physicians Comparability Allowance Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. 5948 note) is amended by striking “September 30, 1995” and inserting “September 30, 1999”.

(3) ADVANCE APPROPRIATIONS REQUIRED.—Any service agreement entered into on or after the date of the enactment of this Act pursuant to section 5948 of title 5, United States Code, as amended by paragraph (1), shall be effective only to such extent or in such amounts as are provided in advance in appropriation Acts.

(4) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—The amendments made by this subsection shall not be construed to authorize additional or supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1993.

(b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—

(1) AMENDMENT TO PUBLIC LAW 100–140.—Effective as of October 27, 1987, section 1 of Public Law 100–140 (101 Stat. 830) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(c) EXTENSION OF REPEALER.—Section 3 of the Federal Physicians Comparability Allowance Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. 5948 note) is amended by striking ‘September 30, 1989’ and inserting ‘September 30, 1992’.”.

(2) AMENDMENT TO PUBLIC LAW 101–420.—Effective as of October 13, 1990, Public Law 101–420 (104 Stat. 908) is amended—

(A) by inserting “(a)” after “That”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(b) Section 3 of the Federal Physicians Comparability Allowance Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. 5948 note) is amended by striking ‘September 30, 1992’ and inserting ‘September 30, 1995’.”.

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(c) ORDER OF AMENDMENTS.—For purposes of applying the amendments made by this section—

(1) the provisions of subsection (b)(1) shall be treated as having been enacted immediately before the provisions of subsection (b)(2); and

(2) the provisions of subsection (b)(2) shall be treated as having been enacted immediately before the provisions of subsection (a).

SEC. 2. REPORTING REQUIREMENT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5948 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(j)(1) Not later than June 30 of each year, the President shall submit to each House of Congress a written report on the operation of this section. Each report shall include, with respect to the year covered by such report, information as to—

“(A) which agencies entered into agreements under this section;

“(B) the nature and extent of the recruitment or retention problems justifying the use of authority by each agency under this section;

“(C) the number of physicians with whom agreements were entered into by each agency;

“(D) the size of the allowances and the duration of the agreements entered into; and

“(E) the degree to which the recruitment or retention problems referred to in subparagraph (B) were alleviated under this section.

“(2) In addition to the information required under paragraph (1), the last report due under this subsection before the expiration of the authority to enter into agreements under this section shall include—

“(A) recommendations as to whether or not such authority should be continued beyond September 30, 1997, and, if so, by what period of time; and

“(B) the reasons for those recommendations.”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The first report under section 5948(j) of title 5, United States Code, as amended by subsection (a), shall be due not later than June 30, 1994.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

*Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate.*